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For : METHOD OF DETECTING AND LOCATING TRACES OF BLOOD AND
A COMPOUND FOR DETECTING TRACES OF BLOOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 5, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop **Amendment**
Randolph Building
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until March 5, 2009.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.